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ILA DISTRICT HEADS RESIGN

LEGISLATURE'S SPECIAL MEET OPENS MONDAY

Vital Demands to Be Made By
The Organized Jobless
At Sacramento
Session

OTHER MATTERS

Merriam Asks Inadequate Sum
Of \$2,500,000 for
June Relief

SACRAMENTO, May 22.—California's organized unemployed and WPA workers were preparing to make demands for adequate relief appropriations here Monday, when the special session of the legislature called by Governor Merriam for the specific purpose of appropriating relief funds, is to convene.

Chief among the demands of the unemployed were expected to be:

The right to organize, to strike and to bargain collectively.

No wage on public works or WPA project below the union wage scale.

Differentials in pay for large families.

No WPA worker to be cut off and forced to work in the agricultural fields or in private industry for less than the prevailing union wage scale.

No discrimination against the Negro people, Mexicans, Filipinos, etc., in administration of relief or WPA funds.

Governor Merriam has not yet issued the formal call for the special session and may not do so until just before the legislature convenes, but he has notified all legislators to be here Monday evening.

The special session may develop into more than a one-day affair, Merriam indicating he might raise several additional matters beside the relief appropriations and a proposal to extend the 10-year installment plan for payment of delinquent taxes. Merriam refused to state what these "additional matters" would be.

State Senator Culbert L. Olson, Democratic state chairman, requested the governor to include provision for appropriating money for expense of legislative committees, particularly his own committee investigating drainage of oil and gas from state-owned oilfields.

Merriam reportedly will ask the legislature for \$2,500,000 relief appropriation to last until the end of June, when the new fiscal year will start. In the past, the sum of \$2,500,000 has proved to be entirely inadequate to cope with the mass unemployment and misery of California.

ISU Executive to Map New Sabotage of Eastern Strike

NEW YORK—Continuing wild attempts to break the strike of over 4,500 rank and file seamen in New York, David E. Grange, vice-president of the International Seamen's Union announced that he would report to the national cage next Monday. "Communist-executive board meeting in Chicago" attempt to provoke a nation-wide seamen's strike next September."

Grange attacked the demand of the East Coast strikers for inclusion of an overtime clause in the agreement as a "smokescreen." He slandered the strike in a ridiculous way by calling it

Townsend Legion Drive East



CARRYING PETITIONS claimed to be filled with 10,000,000 signatures asking passage of the Townsend old-age pension plan, 80 automobiles are moving in caravan across the continent to Washington, D. C. Photo shows leading car, piloted by Ralph LePine (left) and Walter P. Warnbold.

War Plans Racing Against Economic Disaster In All Fascist Countries

GERMANY - AUSTRIA - JAPAN - ITALY STRIVING FOR WAR ACCORD

With economic disaster and internal unrest dogging their heels, world fascist powers are today engaged in a frantic race to complete their war machines and reach diplomatic accord with each other in order to launch a war of aggression. To get this war of conquest launched before internal crisis engulfs them, is the prime consideration of fascist dictators.

British bankers have refused any further loans to Nazi Germany. Prospects of Hitler obtaining financial aid elsewhere is small. An economic catastrophe unprecedented in depression history is considered imminent. There is an acute danger that Nazi leaders may plunge the nation into war to avert changes in government arising from internal unrest.

The new Austrian dictatorship under Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg, by its apparent friendship for both Hitler and Mussolini is evidence of at least partial accord between the fascist powers of Italy and Germany.

The League of Nations has voted to continue sanctions against Italy. Mussolini, in a surprise move, has recalled Marshal Pietro Badoglio from Ethiopia. Shortly before this, Badoglio was proclaimed viceroy of the conquered nation and was expected to remain there indefinitely.

ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS

The government controlled press of Italy has launched a war

OFFICER WALSH IS LATEST TO JOIN POLICE SUSPENSION LIST

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—Officer Patrick (Paddy) Walsh of recent Kamikila Club fame today joined the rapidly growing list of suspended cops when he defied the Police Commission in refusing to testify before the grand jury investigating body.

Captain Thomas G. Hoertkorn, already suspended, may face a contempt of court charge because he, too, buttoned up his lip and refused to divulge the source of his rather extensive fortune.

Additional charges of insubordination were filed against Hoertkorn, Captain Frederick Lemon, Lieutenants Thomas G. Roche and Joseph Mignola and Patrolman Joseph M. Broaders.

"SAVED IT"
But Lieutenant Mark Higgins and William P. Danahy talked Higgins told an "up from the gutter" yarn all about how he saved rested and thrown in jail.

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\$47,000 on a salary of \$250 per month over a period of six years. His wife, he told the shocked inquisitors, had \$12,000 when he married her, most of which he "thought" she had saved from a salary of \$30 a week.

Meanwhile Edwin Atherton declared he already knew how much money the members of the police department have. He is seeking to discover the source of their various fortunes.

City officials were studying the possibility of levying personal property taxes on police wealth disclosed during the investigation.

Back in 1929-30 police were under fire here accused of padding payrolls.

Underground reports now have it Attorney J. W. Ehrlich, defending the officers now on the spot, is seeking legal authority to have the entire grand jury ar-

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Communist Party Convention

SLATED FOR NEW YORK JUNE 24-28; TO PICK PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

STATEMENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, C. P., U. S. A.

At the enlarged meeting of the Political Committee of the Communist Party, held on

May 9 and 10, the final date for the ninth convention of the Communist Party was set. The convention will take place in Manhattan Opera House, New York City, June 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

The agenda for the convention adopted by the recent meeting of the Political Committee is as follows:

1. The fight against reaction, fascism, war, and on the united front; the presidential elections and the Farmer-Labor Party—Reporter, Earl Browder.

2. Party Organization: General Report—F. Brown; the Problem of Cadres—Charles Krumbain.

3. Organizing the Toiling Youth—Reporter, Gil Green.

4. The Struggle for Peace and the Peace Policy of the Soviet Union—Reporter, Robert Minor.

5. Election of Central Committee.

6. Nominations of Presidential Ticket.

Under the first point of the agenda, there will be a speech by Comrade William Z. Foster, elaborating some points of the main report. There will be sub-reports on trade union work by Comrade Jack Stachel; agrarian, Comrade Hathaway; Negro, Comrade Ford.

Special commissions will be established on

FRAME-UP OF MODESTO BOYS STILL UPHELD

District Appeal Court Denies Redress to Victims of Standard Oil Company

SACRAMENTO, May 21.—The Third District Court of Appeals yesterday denied redress to eight San Francisco maritime union men framed by Standard Oil last year on a charge of "malicious and reckless possession of dynamite."

With the exception of one, all are serving time in San Quentin. The one is at Folsom prison.

Standard Oil, through the use of provocateurs and stool pigeons, engineered the frame-up at the height of the tanker strike early in 1935. The men were arrested and tried in Stanislaus county.

The men are Robert J. Fitzgerald, Reuel Stanfield, Victor Johnson, Patsy Ciambrelli, John Sousa, John Rodger, Henry Silva and John Burrows.

They were arrested near Patterson after the Standard Oil provocateurs had planted several sticks of dynamite in the automobile in which they were riding. The Standard Oil hired a special prosecutor from Fresno to assist in making the frame-up stick.

This goes against a motion passed by the S. U. P. on April 27th that delegates to the Federation convention shall be on the same basis as before, which means a voting power of 5.35 for each delegate from Pedro. The April 27 motion had not been rescinded.

It is reported that John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, is considering favorable support of the substitute bill.

For unemployment, old-age and social insurance—for the Frazier-Landau Bill!

LOS ANGELES—Until the tractors who had no definite agreement with the Allied Building Crafts decided to cooperate. This was given striking proof by the larger number of new members attending the meeting on May 18.

Checkup on the previous week's patrol showed only two contractors, Metcalf and Byrd, openly fighting the new schedule. No union men are going to work for these two until they fall in line. Fred Hunter, business agent, reported that several other con-

LEWIS AND MORRIS DECLINE NOMINATIONS AFTER TRICK FAILS; BRIDGES WILL RUN

Reactionary President and Secretary Quit; Ryan's Organizer Peterson Out

SAN PEDRO, Calif.—Defeated in their attempts to condemn or stem the progressive tide at the 15-day convention of the Pacific Coast, District of the I. L. A. which ended Tuesday night, President William J. Lewis and Secretary "Paddy" Morris, two leading reactionary district officials, declined nominations for the posts they held up to now.

They evidently feared certain defeat in the referendum by which the rank and file will choose the district president and secretary. With them quit A. H. ("Pedro Pete") Peterson, Ryan-picked district organizer.

Harry Bridges, militant head of Local 38-79, San Francisco, was nominated as the progressive's choice for president and Matt Meehan, leading Portland progressive, was nominated for secretary.

Against them were nominated Cliff Thurston of Portland, for president, and Elmer Bruce, re-

actionary president of San Pedro Local 38-32, for secretary. Thurston, up until now, has been vice-

president of the Pacific Coast

District and has played in with the reactionaries. Bruce, because of his steady opposition to all progressive trends, does not stand high with the San Pedro membership.

Both Bridges and Meehan are considered strong favorites in the referendum.

TO ELECT ORGANIZERS

Two organizers are also to be elected by referendum. Following their election, as decided on by a convention resolution, their names are to be submitted to Joseph P. Ryan, head of the I. L. A., for appointment. The four whose names go on the ballot for organizers are Joe Simons, San Pedro; E. G. Dietrich, San Francisco; Heide, San Francisco, and B. Craft, Seattle.

The Executive Board was elected by a caucus of the delegates of the sub-districts, where the reactionaries held a margin

of 10 votes.

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The law further provides that no strike can take place until 30 days after the fact-finding committee or emergency board meets and makes its report.

Such machinery has prevented strikes on the railroads for nearly 15 years, although on many occasions railway labor on various roads has voted strike. This machinery was concurred in by railroad labor chiefs.

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INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION CONFERENCE CALLED IN NORTH

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—Carrying forward the progressive program adopted by the State Political Conference in Los Angeles on May 10th, looking toward independent political action and a Farmer-Labor Party, the Epic Campaign Committee voted

at a meeting here last Sunday to call a Northern California Political Conference on May 31st at 68 Haight street.

Calls to this conference are being mailed out to trade unions, progressive, liberal and radical organizations.

Immediately following the conference, it is planned to organize assembly district conferences,

similar to the Councils for United Political Action being organized in Southern California.

The Epic campaign committee, which functioned during the presidential primary campaign, also voted to approach the Labor-for-Roosevelt League of San Francisco to gain its cooperation.

Observers also will be sent from

the campaign committee to the

northern California organizational

meeting of the Progressive Demo-

crats, which is in the camp of

Epic State Senator Culbert L.

Olson, which will be held Saturday

afternoon, May 23rd, at Westlake

school in Oakland.

NAZI COURTS REFUSE TO ALLOW U.S. SEAMAN OWN COUNSEL

MASS MEETING DEMANDS C. S. ACT'S REPEAL

United Front of Speakers to Score Anti-Labor Act on May 29th at Epic Auditorium

LOS ANGELES, May 20.—A united front of speakers representing many liberal and progressive organizations will demand the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism law in a huge mass meeting, Friday, May 29, at the Epic Auditorium.

Among the many speakers will be Assemblyman Ben Rosenthal, Assemblyman Lee Geyer, Assemblyman John Pelleter, David Hubbard of the Socialist Party, John Leech, organizer of the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party; Rev. Floyd Seaman, Kate Richards O'Hare, Councilman Parley P. Christensen and A. C. Rogers of the San Diego Federated Trades Council.

CONVENTION FILM

A motion picture of the Sacramento Convention, at which 591,000 workers from trade unions, church, political and defense groups launched the initiative petition to put the repeal of the vicious C. S. law on the ballot, will be shown.

Sea Safety vs. Steel

BETHLEHEM FOOLS BOTH LLOYD AND AMERICAN INSPECTION

By a Steel Worker.

It is already an axiom known to millions of people that Bethlehem Steel Company won't let a golden opportunity go by when it comes to making some money quick, regardless of what disasters it may cause at sea.

The Bethlehem Company has quite a few planks that roll steel, which is converted into long plate lengths suitable for ship construction. When a shipyard orders plate steel, they generally specify certain chemical analysis as well as a certain tensile strength steel. The shipyards and steel companies are guided by two standards as required by law. One of them is that of the American Bureau of Standards and the other is what is known as Lloyd's Inspection. Of the two, Lloyd's Inspection is considered the best, but Bethlehem fools them all.

What is the importance of having the steel strength and contents meet certain requirements? In the construction of the ship, the hull structure and plates must meet certain tests in preparation for the tremendous strain the ship undergoes while at sea. But when Bethlehem has anything to do with ships, then the sailor has a better chance on a wooden ship at sea.

HOW IT WORKS

The ship yard specifies certain chemical and tensile strength. The Steel Company orders a "heat" of steel out of the open hearth, but in most cases the order of steel can't be cut out of the "heat" for several reasons.

One of them is that insufficient steel is ordered from the open hearth and the other is that when the open hearth does make up a furnace "heat," the company puts so much poor quality steel (in order to lower cost) with the result that when the "heat" is rolled into slabs and plates 75 per cent have to be shipped for laws.

After to work the men to death chipping flaws and using cut-downs than use good quality charges in the open hearth furnaces.)

It is a common practice by the company, in the case of the American Bureau of Standards, to just disregard that inspection completely and send out any kind of steel that can be picked up in stock regardless of whether it

BIG INTEREST IN COMMUNIST ELECTION PUSH

750 Required Within 30 Days For Filing Fees; Drive Now on for Building Election Fund

LOS ANGELES, May 20.—Answering the attacks upon the working class of Southern California by the reactionary forces, the Communist Party, Los Angeles Section, is launching the most vigorous election campaign it has ever had, according to Harold J. Ashe, campaign manager.

"Unprecedented interest is being shown already in our Communist Party election campaign," said Ashe.

REGISTER COMMUNIST DRIVE

An intensive 30 day drive is now under way in the Los Angeles area to get mass Communist Party registrations and to build up a war chest for immediate campaign expenses.

Due to misunderstanding among Party members, sympathizers and class-conscious workers, there are now only 438 registered Communists in the county, as compared with over 800 in the 1934 elections. Many have registered decline-to-state, not realizing that this prevents such registrants from participating in the August primaries.

Such voters may change their registration to Communist by going to the Registrar of Voters office.

Likewise, workers registered under any other political party may change their registration. Voters who have not registered since 1934 or 1935 must do so if they wish to vote in any of the 1936 elections. Even if they have registered in 1936 and have changed their place of residence since registering, they should re-register giving the new address.

CLASS LEGISLATION

During the coming 30 days a minimum of \$750 must be raised to defray the cost of filing fees of the Communist Party candidates. Under the laws of the state and county, candidates for office must pay exorbitant filing fees in order to qualify to go on the ballot. This is a piece of class legislation to keep working class candidates out of the field and have public office in the hands of racketeers, politicians and cat-paws of big business.

Pledge cards and election campaign stamps have already been distributed to every party member and a mass financial drive is now under way to raise a big war chest to put on a real campaign reaching all the workers with the vital issues of 1936.

Rural Electrical Bill Helps Trusts

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Despite the fight of Senator Norris of Nebraska against it, the \$40,000,000 rural electrification bill makes private companies eligible for loans under the Rural Electrification Administration.

Final approval of the bill was expected any day. Senator Norris had insisted on limiting the loans to cooperatives and publicly owned power companies, but the House let individuals and private concerns come in, which means heavy sugar in the form of virtual subsidies for utilities interests.

The Senate bill provided for a 3 per cent maximum interest charge on REA loans, but the House has made 3 per cent the minimum, which hits cooperatives and small-town publicly owned plants. The big private interests can afford to pay the higher interest rates.

Thugs Dynamite Rank And File Union Paper

CHICAGO—Dynamiting of the Union Press, which prints the rank and file Chicago Union Painter, is believed to be the work of gangsters connected with Painters District Council 14, Chicago.

New York painters recently ousted gangster rule once and for all.

For higher wages, against the high cost of living!

MOBILIZE FOR CIRCULATION OF PETITIONS TO REPEAL THE CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM LAW!

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—"Mobilize Against the Criminal Syndicalism Act!"

This slogan will be carried into militant reality here tomorrow, when hundreds of San Francisco citizens are to go throughout the city to circulate the initiative petitions for repeal of this anti-labor statute.

The State Conference for Repeal

of the C. S. Act asks that all registered voters report at 68 Haight street on Saturday from 9 a. m. on, to circulate the repeal petitions.

Crews of circulators are being organized to carry the signature campaign into every assembly district in the city.

In order to gain the maximum results, the Conference urges that all persons able to furnish cars, for quick transportation of the petition crews in the drive report at 68 Haight street with their machines.

"Our answer to the stiff sentences given the girl victims of the C. S. Act, Caroline Decker and Nora Conklin, will be 250,000 signatures," declared William P. Sanders, speaking for the state organization for repeal of the law.

BUILDING TRADES ENDORSE

LOS ANGELES, May 20.—The Allied Building Trades Council endorsed the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act at its meeting here this week. The endorsement was made on a motion from the floor.

Immediately following the vote, a petition to repeal the law was circulated for the members to sign.

EAST BAY SUPPORTS

LOS ANGELES, May 20.—At its regular meeting this week, the Alameda County Central Labor Council elected two of its members to serve on the finance committee and on the publicity committee of the East Bay Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Request for this support was made by a speaker from the conference, who was granted the floor. Brother Gailac, of the electricians, was appointed to serve on the finance committee, and Brother Larson, of the Sheet Metal Workers, was appointed for the publicity committee.

ISU Executive to Map New Sabotage

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and Morris declined after they had failed in a maneuver which involved taking advantage of certain unclear wording in the constitution.

At a caucus on the night before the last session, the reactionaries decided that the proper way to interpret the constitution was to conduct the primary election flat which it is decided which two go on the referendum ballot) in the following way:

First would come nominations.

Then a vote would be taken with the highest candidate chosen as one of those to go on the referendum ballot. Then would come another vote on the remaining candidates, to determine who would be the other man on the final ballot.

Therefore, Be it resolved that Wed Patch Grange repudiate any self-appointed labor committee who only represent speculative interest in labor and soil.

The reactionaries figured that they had a narrow majority, which would place Lewis and Morris on the ballot. This majority, it was figured, would pick Lewis on the first vote and another reactionary on the second, with Bridges polling a minority in both votes.

This procedure was carried through in the election of those to go on the ballot for the two organizers' jobs. It was not used in the nominations for president and secretary because some of the members of the reactionaries' caucus refused to have anything to do with such a trick.

Knowing that it couldn't work without complete cooperation, the maneuver was dropped and Lewis and Morris declined nominations.

Since only two were nominated for president and two for secretary, no elimination election was necessary.

Prior to the election session, the convention acted on the final recommendations of the Working Rules Committee, which abstained several resolutions.

REFERENDUM ON AWARD

It was voted to submit to referendum the question of opening the award for negotiations. On the same vote it was decided to include as proposed demands, in the event of opening the award, for negotiations. On the same vote it was decided to include as proposed demands, in the event of opening the award, uniform loads and overtime for all work before 8 a. m. and after 3 p. m., which would establish the six-hour day.

In the May 18 issue of the Western Worker it was made to appear as if action unfavorable to the progressives had been taken by the convention on the Vancouver issue.

LOS ANGELES—Delegates to the Maritime Federation convention were instructed to demand that all agreements which are up for change or renewal be submitted to the Federation 59 days before expiration, for the latter's suggestions and recommendations.

Such proposals by the Federation would then be given to the union involved for acceptance

GALLAGHER IN ELECTION RACE

Oppose Labor-Hating Crum; Grover Johnson Will Oppose Fitts

LOS ANGELES, May 20.—Leo Gallagher, world famous court defender of working class leaders, has filed papers declaring his intention to run for Superior Court Office Number 15 against the infamous labor-hating Judge, Arthur Crum.

Grover Johnson, who has also distinguished himself as a fearless defender of the rights of labor, will oppose Burton Fitts for the office of District Attorney. Both Gallagher and Johnson will go into the non-partisan elections with the full endorsement of the Communist Party.

No-partisan committees, composed of liberals and radicals and liberty-loving people from all walks of life, will be organized to support and vigorously push the election campaigns of Gallagher and Johnson.

Lawyers, ministers, doctors and many other professionals and intellectuals, as well as leaders of the Epic and Utopian movements have declared their support of this precedent, the International Labor Defense is continuing the fight to hold the German government to its promise that Lawrence Simpson shall have counsel of his choice.

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PLAN TO FRAME SIMPSON; USE NAZI LAWYERS

Sailor's Father Wires to L. A. Attorney to Be Son's Counsel

NEW YORK.—The Nazi courts have once more refused legal assistance of his own choosing to Lawrence Simpson, American seaman and member of the International Seamen's Union held in Fuhlsbuttel Concentration Camp since June, 1935, on charges of anti-fascist activity. Mr. Barthoumiex, the Paris attorney retained by the International Labor Defense, will not be permitted to act as counsel for Simpson even in an advisory capacity.

I. L. D. LEADS FIGHT

Advice just received from Paris indicates that in some cases non-Germans have been permitted to have counsel—in the capacity of associates to Nazi counsel—of their own nationality. On the basis of this precedent, the International Labor Defense is continuing the fight to hold the German government to its promise that Lawrence Simpson shall have counsel of his choice.

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SEND PROTESTS

The Seattle district of the International Labor Defense is calling upon all local unions and other organizations to send resolutions to John G. Erhardt, American Consul General, Hamburg, Germany pointing out that Simpson's arrest was in violation of international law and demanding that charges be dropped and that Simpson be released immediately.

At the time of his arrest in June, 1935, Lawrence Simpson's private locker aboard the S. S. Manhattan was searched by Nazi secret police and he was seized, beaten and removed to Fuhlsbuttel Prison, where he has been held without trial and forbidden interviews with all lawyers interested in his case.

CRAZY FASCIST POWERS RACING TO WORLD WAR

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with the powerful Heimwehr group headed by the prince, has cut him in on the new government by proclaiming him one of three Austrian dictators whose authority is to be divided as follows:

Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg, commander of the fatherland front, which unites all Austrian semi-private armies.

Vice-Chancellor Eduard Barvon Barrenfels, national commander of the new armed "front" militia, an army auxiliary.

Prince Starhemberg, national sports leader and head of the Motherhood Protective Association.

(More international news on page 5.)

SAILORS MEAN BUSINESS IN THEIR SUPPORT OF STRIKE IN EAST; VOTE \$100 WEEK

or rejection. The purpose of this action is to bring about closer coordination between the crafts within the Maritime Federation.

The convention delegates were also instructed to seek expiration of all agreements on April 30.

The Sailors' Union voted to concur with a resolution which the San Pedro branch had passed, calling for a coast-wise committee of organized labor to fight for restoration of the S. U. P. charter, which was revoked by the international officials of the I. S. U.

An attempt will be made to bring about the setting up of a district International Longshoremen's Association committee for the same purpose.

As a result of persistent pressure from the ships for more democratic rank and file control, especially on important issues, a motion was passed calling for a referendum vote on all major issues, except where time will not allow.

Frey Attack on Labor Party Gets Rebuffed

WASHINGTON—A circular letter has been sent to all unions affiliated with the A. F. of L. trades section, telling them to have nothing to do with the Farmer-Labor Party or the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The letter has met with rebuff after rebuff in the locals, being filed in most cases. The letter is signed by Frey, head of the Metal Trades Department.

In answer to the clear arguments of the affirmative Bachrodt made an emotional appeal to "Fundamentals of civilization," childhood,

Build the circulation of the Western Worker.

California Labor Notes

Rodeo—Local 51 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers has instructed its delegate to the Contra Costa Central Labor Council to vote against closing the council meetings to all but delegates. The local is for the allowing of A. F. of L. members to attend as visitors.

At the last meeting of the council a motion was made to go into executive session from 7:30 to 9 p. m., the reactionaries claiming that knowledge of what went on at the meetings was being mentioned in publications they were against (this was an attack on the Western Worker, among others). One member pointed out that the Communist Party paper should have the rights to print news of the council, which is of interest to workers, just as any paper has.

CROCKETT—The town has been circulated with handbills calling on the A. F. of L. Sugar Workers' Union here not to affiliate with the Central Labor Council. The council has for some time been trying to get the union to affiliate. The officials of the union are not rank and filers and agreed, when Vandeleur spoke to the union about a month ago and said that it was not important that the union try to affiliate. Progressives are urging the sugar workers to fight for affiliation.

RODEO—Carquinez Local 51 of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers reports it has dissolved its membership since the first of the year.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Motion Picture Operators Union has signed a new agreement, running for two years. It gives the 165 members a wage increase of about 10 per cent—an increase of \$1 a day for the first year and 5 cents the second year. Working conditions are renewed.

San Pedro—At least six unions here, now have more than 1,000 members each. They are the Culinary Alliance, Teamsters, Fisherman, Fish Canner, Workers, Lumber Yard Workers, and Longshoremen. Together with some smaller unions in the Central Labor Council, these six have an aggregate membership of over 13,000. Before the L. A. A. was formed in 1933, there were less than 500 organized workers in San Pedro.

San Francisco—Local 284, Machinists, of Oakland sent a resolution which it had adopted, endorsing the Committee for Industrial Organization, to Local 68 in San Francisco. Local 68 also endorsed the resolution on a yes or no vote.

Local 68 has been barred from the International Convention of the machinists, to take place in September.

International President Wharton barred the San Francisco local because of its progressive policies, but used the excuse that the local was refusing to buy the paper "Labor," published by the railroad shopcarers in Washington. Local 68 is sending an appeal to all machinists locals in the country urging them to protest against this action.

San Francisco—The general executive board of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, in addition to holding its quarterly meeting in Los Angeles, will also be in San Francisco on May 29, 30 and 31. On Friday night, 7:30 p. m., there will be a mass meeting at the Union hall at 149 Mason street, where prominent international officials will speak. On Saturday night there will be a banquet for the G. E. B. at the Whitcomb Hotel.

Oakland—A communication was read at the Central Labor Council, from the Public Works and Unemployed Union, asking the council to concur in its demands that no WPA worker be laid off unless he receives work at the same hourly rate of pay that is now the minimum on work relief. The council concurred in this request.

A committee of three was elected to coordinate the work of organizing the Ladies' Auxiliaries under the union label department of the council.

The secretary of the council was instructed to write to the State Federation of Labor requesting that the latter send an investigating committee into the southern California agricultural fields. The council wants a full report on the vicious attacks on strikers down there.

A resolution was passed condemning the Alameda County Industrial Association.

U.C. STUDENT BARRED FROM LAW PRACTICE BY LEGION

TOWEL FIRM WORKERS WIN SHORT STRIKE

East Bay Labor Council Votes \$1.50 to Strikers and Appeals to Other Unions for Aid

OAKLAND.—It was announced in the Central Labor Council on May 18 that as the result of a five-hour strike some two weeks ago the Oakland California Towel Co. has signed an agreement with the various unions involved. All demands were won and a closed shop is now in effect in this plant, where two years ago the management declared that they would close the plant rather than have any dealings with a union.

BOYLE STRIKE STILL ON

The strike at the Alameda plant of the Boyle Mfg. Co. is still in progress as the strikers flatly turned down a proposal by the company. The strike is 100 per cent, more than twice their present wages; 5000 of America's most forgotten men are on strike in northeastern Arkansas, under the leadership of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union.

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NEW CHARTER

In support of these two strikes the Council voted a fund of \$150 and appealed to all affiliated locals to contribute to the strike fund.

The charter of the new Federal Labor Union, embracing workers in plants that do not come under the jurisdiction of present craft unions, has arrived and on Sunday over 300 more will be initiated.

22,000 Families Face Starvation

LOS ANGELES, May 17.—Twenty-two thousand families in Los Angeles County are facing actual starvation following order of State Controller Riley to relief administrators to stop issuing direct relief checks Friday, May 15th.

Demanding that city and county officials see that not one worker on the Los Angeles County Relief Administration rolls be deprived of his check, the Public Works and Unemployed Union sent a delegation to the City Council and the Board of Supervisors.

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Youth Congress to Hold Memorial Day Anti-War Festival

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—Memorial Day, May 30th, will be United Youth Day Against War here with the San Francisco and East Bay Councils of the American Youth Congress sponsoring an anti-war picnic at Paradise Cove.

Barbecue, swimming, dancing, sports, anti-war skits, moonlight boat ride—all are promised for 50 cents.

Boat will leave the San Francisco Pier 14 at 9 a.m. and Oakland at the foot of Broadway at 9 a.m.

Arkansas Farmers Strike Demanding 15 Cents Per Hour

Walkout Led By Sharecrop Union; Seek \$1.50 For Ten-Hour Day

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While in nearby Memphis the luxurious Cotton Carnival is in full swing, and each day witnesses long parades with costly floats, the cotton choppers and day laborers whose toll made possible the show of magnificence have at last taken a stand against working from sun-up to sunset—from sun-up to sun-down—for 60¢ to 75¢ a day.

The strike was called suddenly, so as to be underway before the customary landlord terror could be mobilized. At one of the most earnest meetings in the history of the S. T. F. U., with representatives of 78 locals present, the decision was made by unanimous vote. Strike committees have been established throughout the affected areas, and scores of men and women scoured the territory May 16 and 17, the weekend before the strike went into effect, spreading the call.

Anticipating the landlord's re-course to the Memphis unemployed as a source of strikebreaking labor, union officials received a pledge of assistance from the Memphis Workers' Alliance. Workers' Alliance pickets are throwing a line across the Harahan bridge leading into Arkansas, and on the Arkansas side the S. T. F. U. has its own picket line.

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ACLU DEFEATS HOODLUM CASE

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—Victory against vigilantes has been scored by the Northern California Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, which succeeded in compelling vigilantes who tarred and feathered Jack Green and Sol Nitzberg in Santa Rosa last year, to withdraw their Superior Court damage suit against the victims.

The vigilantes were Harold Campbell and Fred Cairns, the latter secretary of the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce, against whom damage suits resulting from his mob activities are pending.

Campbell and Cairns withdrew their suit after Austin Lewis, A. C. L. U. attorney, succeeded in having most of the complaint struck.

Charged that Green and Nitzberg "did pull, push, jerk, jostle and strike plaintiffs," and that in consequence they "were rendered tired, sore and lame."

Cubans Arrested in Munitions Shipment

LAREDO, Texas, May 15.—Four Cubans were arrested here yesterday in connection with five carloads of arms and munitions being shipped into Mexico. The shipment was sufficient to arm 2000 men.

A munitions firm representative is quoted as saying the shipment was going to General Saturnino Cedillo, Mexican secretary of agriculture, and were to have been used to arm state auxiliary troops under a new law.

Permission from state departments of both the U. S. and Mexico are required to ship arms into Mexico.

Nine Firms Control 49 Per Ct. of Utilities

WASHINGTON.—Nine companies control 49.7 per cent of the entire \$13,000,000 utility industry in the United States, the Federal Power Commission's national survey, just published, reveals.

J. P. Morgan and Co. own voting stock, through a holding company, in four of the nine companies; 90 per cent of the utilities industry is controlled by 57 principle systems, the report shows.

The report also shows that the 1620 individually owned private plants and the 1939 municipally owned plants handle only about 10 per cent of the electric business.

RAIL EMPLOYEES PLAN BATTLE ON CONSOLIDATION

Brotherhood Convention Will Open at Cleveland On June 1

CLEVELAND.—The menace to employment by the proposed railroad consolidations is the main point before the 8th triennial convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which opens here June 1st. Alvaney Johnston, grand chief engineer, will preside.

Pension legislation is also an important point for consideration of the convention.

Over 250,000 railroad workers will be displaced by the consolidation of terminal and other railroad facilities, already approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission and Railroad Coordinator Eastman.

Instead of backing a movement to protect jobs, through a shorter working day and other means, the railway labor executives have disregarded a widespread sentiment for such a movement and are reported to have agreed on acceptance of consolidation in exchange for payment of a lump sum dismissal wage for one year or 60 per cent of wages for a maximum of five years, sliding downward for men with less than 15 years' seniority.

Most of those laid off will have their dismissals manipulated so that they fall outside of the interpretation of "consolidation of facilities of two or more roads," but even those who qualify for temporary, though reduced compensation will in a few years find themselves on the relief rolls.

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Reaction-And Action

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—Although the State Bar Association several months ago voted down a proposal to bar attorneys from practice if they defended "agitators" and Reds, it is now taking a reactionary and red-baiting stand by refusing to allow Aubrey Grossman, law school graduate from the University of California, to be admitted to practice.

BULLETIN

The State Bar executive committee, reacting to strong public protest, has moved the date for Grossman's hearing up to May 26th instead of June 5th. According to notification sent by Secretary Minard to Grossman, this first hearing will be to determine whether or not there is any basis for charges. If the committee decides there is, another hearing will be set for a later date.

A broad committee of attorneys has been called together in Los Angeles to protest attempted discrimination against Grossman.

Grossman passed the bar examination several weeks ago, and was to appear before the State Supreme Court to swear in as a member of the bar on May 27th. However, this was cancelled, and instead he was summoned to appear before the Committee of Bar Examiners on June 5th for a hearing.

Things got reversed in New York City recently and a tion followed reaction. With relief appropriations cut and social service workers lopped off the payroll in "economy moves" these workers took to the picket line in an organized effort to win back their jobs and their livelihood.

TACOMA NEWSPAPER GUILD IN SWEEPING VICTORY COMPELS TIMES TO REHIRE UNION MAN

TACOMA, Wash., May 20.—A sweeping victory was won by the Tacoma Newspaper Guild with the reinstatement today of Rex Kelley, Guild chapter chairman, discharged two weeks ago for union activity by the Tacoma Times.

GCT BACK PAY

Kelley was returned to his former duties by Leonard S. Langlow, editor of the Times, without stretch-out system and with back pay.

Terry Pettus, president of the Tacoma Guild, and Morgan Hill, west coast organizer, immediately appeared before the Tacoma Central Labor Council and acknowledged their appreciation of the widespread labor support which made the victory possible.

In the fortnight since Kelley's dismissal, hundreds of demands were made upon the Times' management for his reinstatement by members of unions addressed by Guildsmen; by readers of the Voice of Action, which editorially leased the Scripps League, the so-called liberal publishers of the Times, and by the many radio listeners who heard Howard Cottigan, executive secretary and broadcaster for the Washington Commonwealth Federation attack the essentially anti-labor policies of the Times.

When the first demand was made upon the Scripps League for the restoration of Kelley to the payroll, the Tacoma Central Labor Council, on motion of its secretary, H. S. McIlvagh, immediately went on record with a resolution pledging support to the Guild in any action it might take.

Backed by organized labor, the Kelley had been on the paper for seven years, the oldest member of the staff in point of service and gained the enmity of the management two months ago in a city room showdown with Langlow when the latter attempted to intimidate Guild members.

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Just Why Should a Trade Unionist Register Communist?

Nineteen thirty-six, election year, is a crucial period for the organized labor movement of America, and particularly of California. It is a year for the trade union members to decide which political party they will support, which party will fight hardest and best for the interests of labor.

Certainly it is impossible for trade unionists to support and to register with the Republican Party, which is dominated by the promoters of fascism, the most vicious and reactionary powers of Wall Street, and which in California took the lead in railroading to prison eight Sacramento workers for organizing agricultural workers in successful struggle.

Equally certain is the fact that trade unionists, alert to the problems and necessities of the working class, cannot back the Democratic Party as a "lesser evil" than the Republicans, as an obstacle to fascism. Under the present administration, "under the auspices" of the Democratic Party, hundreds of workers have been subjected to terror by troops and police and many have been brutally murdered because they dared to strike for a decent American standard of living.

In the deep South, the Democratic Party is the party of the most vicious reaction and openly espouses lynch terror against the oppressed Negro people, against the sharecroppers, against the courageous members of the United Textile Workers' Union and of the International Longshoremen's Association, International Seamen's Union and other maritime unions of the Gulf.

The Democratic and Republican Parties are but two faces to the same coin—on one side the "promising" faces of Roosevelt, Farley, McAdoo and Company, attempting to mislead the toilers into the camp of capitalism by promising, but never fulfilling, many things to them; on the other side, the vicious faces of the would-be fascists Hearst, Hoover, J. P. Morgan and Company.

Only one party fights consistently for the toiling masses of America and of California. Only one party does everything in its power to strengthen and build the trade unions, to defend them against capitalist reaction, vigilantism and terror. No other party fights consistently and with red-blooded American determination to build the Farmer-Labor Party, the most burning need of the workers and other toilers.

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San Francisco's Recreation Center

Hard work and months of planning by many active San Francisco trade unionists went into the new Union Recreation Center, which soon opens as the first of its kind in the West. But it was labor well worth while.

The new center is going to give the maritime workers who live in San Francisco something they have long felt the need for—healthful recreation and a better cultural and social life.

In the big gym, handball court, pool and card-room of the new center and we list but a few of the Recreation Center's attractions, the waterfront workers are going to have swell times galore. And it will make for increased unity of the maritime workers. Visiting members of maritime unions will be welcome at the center, it is announced.

Such a laudable undertaking deserves the widest support, and the greetings of all who have the interest of the working class at heart. The Western Worker extends its heartiest greetings to the new Union Recreation Center, and urges all its readers to attend the big shelling, marking its formal dedication, to take place at Dreamland Auditorium June 13 and 14.

FACTS AND FIGURES

POVERTY OF CALIFORNIA FARMERS INCREASES

That California is NOT the "agricultural paradise" envisioned by realtors and sellers of agricultural securities, is abundantly shown by figures of the 1935 farm census lately issued. A decrease in value of farm lands and buildings of more than a billion dollars since 1930, is reported.

As for tenant farms, the census shows that not only did the value of the total acreage diminish, but also the size of the individual tenant farm. The drop in value was 26 per cent, or 170 million dollars. At the same time, tenant farming increased 25 per cent in, exact numbers, 8,294, despite the administration's proclaimed policy of taking tenant farmers from the land and their lands out of production.

BIG FARMS

But what of the big farms, the farms operated by managers and part owners, the corporation farms? Census reports show that their combined number diminished, while their acreage increased! In short, the large farm grew larger, the small farm of the tenant grew smaller.

PLIGHT OF FARMER

Reports show that in an increasing number of cases, the small farmer-owner is as bad off as the tenant. Burdened with debt and with no hope of relief, he has found himself prey to bankers, mortgage holders, even to the Federal Land Banks. The latter, which are part of Farm Credit Administration, foreclosed on farms at a rate of 150 per cent in 1935 over 1934. This policy of FCA continues.

Adding to the small farmer's woes is the fact that, too frequently, his mortgage is greater than the shrunkin value of his land. Assemblyman John Phillips of Banning, California, cites the case of a farmer who, having paid \$10,000 on a \$12,000 mortgage, lost his farm because he could not pay the other \$2,000.

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UNREALISTIC APPROACH TO FIGHT FOR PEACE

By John Broman

(This is the second and concluding article in criticism of the position of Norman Thomas, national leader of the Socialist Party, toward the Communist Party.)

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JAPANESE TRADE UNIONS HIT BY MILITARY FASCIST REGIME FOLLOWING MURDER PURGE

May Day Suppressed And Meetings Forbidden

TOKYO, Japan.—For the last seventeen years, May Day in Japan has been a semi-legal holiday. It was usually observed by a general stoppage of work and parades organized by trade unions. These were closely regulated by the police. Each participant had to prove union membership and register with police.

Banners and slogans were strictly censored as well as remarks by workers along the line of march. At demonstrations which followed parades, the police censored speeches and interrupted whenever they sensed "dangerous thoughts."

RANKS DIVIDED

In most cases there were separate marches of left and right (Socialist) unions. The Nipponist (Fascist) unions held their labor day marches on April 3rd, the birthday of the Emperor.

This year, preparations were going forward for united front demonstrations. Achievement of the People's Front in the Feb. 20 election, when proletarian candidates won 23 seats as compared with their previous four, was a great stimulus to united action.

Immediately after this, on Feb. 26, the fascist military murders took place. Martial law was set up, ostensibly against the military "uprisings," but actually against the people and the labor movement.

MEETINGS OUTLAWED

All meetings were prohibited in Tokyo. All incoming and outgoing mail was opened. All discussion of the military coup was forbidden. This martial law soon spread over the whole of Japan.

The National Convention of the Peasants' Union, which was to have been held in Osaka, was forbidden.

May Day celebrations were outlawed "forever" throughout Japan.

Notwithstanding significant progress toward unity, the trade union movement of Japan is still badly scattered and split up into nearly 70 different trade union centers. The illegal Red unions have already voluntarily disbanded and sent their members into existing legal unions.

THREE DIVISIONS

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Despite incidents of this nature, the united front movement in Japan is growing rapidly and has immense support among the rank and file of all unions. Illegal systems of spreading literature and information have enabled the Japanese masses to keep informed upon developments in other countries despite the extreme censorship.

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Murdered By the Military



Vice-Admiral Sanjichi of the Japanese navy (above) sips tea and fondles his little grandson, little realizing that less than a month after this picture was taken he would be lying in his own blood, shot down by military assassins in the series of murders which shackled Japan with an Army-Fascist dictatorship.

PEOPLE OF GERMANY DEFI NAZI ORDERS; LAUD DR. HUGO ECKNER

FRANKFORT ON THE MAIN, Germany.—Nazi authorities have entered a boycott against the name of Dr. Hugo Eckner, famed dirigible expert, because of his refusal to lend himself to Hitler's election campaign machine in the recent plebiscite.

S. F. Council to Urge AFL Aid for Mooney Appeal to High Court

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Labor Council has accepted the suggestion of Hugo Ernst, of the Culinary Workers, to ask the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. to aid the movement for raising funds to carry the Mooney case to the U. S. Supreme Court if necessary.

Defying the Hitler edict, the people of the city of Frankfort presented Eckner with a silver cup when the ship returned from its American flight. It bore the inscription: "To the leader of the

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Right Independents	499,236
Union of Republican Democrats	1,233,360
Democratic Alliance and Left Republicans	
licans	1,299,936
Popular Democrats	309,336
Independent Radicals	955,990
TOTAL	3,925,018

RIGHTISTS (1936)

Conservatives	46,540
Right Independents	359,191
Union of Republican Democrats	1,578,419
Democratic Alliance and Left Republicans	
licans	1,004,182
Popular Democrats	240,129
Radical Independents	690,557
TOTAL	3,925,018

The right-wing parties thus lost a total of 455,699 votes.

Now a comparison of the left-wing votes:

LEFTISTS (1932)

Radical Socialists	1,836,991
Dissident Socialists	515,176
Socialists	1,964,384

Mussolini Rejects Starhemberg Plea

IN SUPPORT OF SCHUSCHNIGG

VIENNA.—Mussolini has given the recently ousted Austrian dictator, Prince von Starhemberg the cold shoulder and has sent a message to his successor, Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg, affirming Italian support to his government.

"I assure you of the good wishes and sincere friendship of my government," said the message.

The Rome Protocol (which makes Italy protector of Austrian independence) will always remain one of the chief pillars of the fascist government's policies."

The fact that Starhemberg was rabidly anti-Nazi, and that Schuschnigg has made overtures of "friendship" toward Hitler, as well as cementing the "good will" of Italy, would indicate Austria may be the fascist link between Italy and Germany in the projected fascist alliance for a new international war.

BRITISH BISHOP HITS THE POPE

HERTFORDSHIRE, England.—The Bishop of St. Albans, addressing a diocesan conference here declared: "The world looked in vain for any outspoken denunciations of Italy's criminal conduct from the head of the largest Christian Communion in the world, whose seat of government is at Rome, and who is claimed to be the Vicar of Christ on earth."

Oakland Council for Reseating of Sailors

OAKLAND—The Secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council has been instructed to write to William Green, requesting that he mandate the reseating of the delegates from the Sailors Union of the Pacific to the San Francisco Central Labor Council.

British Bankers Turn Down Nazis

LONDON, England.—Probability of economic disaster in Nazi Germany caused British banks to flatly refuse any further loans to Germany. Financial authorities claim a financial crisis within Germany cannot be averted and is expected at the end of Summer at the latest.

GRAIN SUPREMACY

In the sphere of agriculture, the Soviet Union has won first place in Europe in the scope of industrial production.

During the last ten years, Soviet industry has grown ten-fold. In that period, the number of workers employed in heavy industry has increased by more than eight times; power production has increased 17 times; coal production 5.4 times; pig iron seven times; and so on through all other industries.

THREE DIVISIONS

The situation of brain workers, who receive particular attention in the Soviet Union—has very substantially improved.

TOWNSEND CLUB 135 Turns Rebel in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Another Townsend Club, No. 135, is reported to have followed the example of Club 93, largest in America, and seceded from the McGroarty Club.

RIGHTISTS (1936)

Pupils, etc.	78,472
Communists	796,630

LEFTISTS (1936)

Radical Socialists	1,401,974
Independent Socialists and Socialist Union	587,777
Socialists	1,887,209
Pupils, etc.	129,140
Communists	1,453,923

RIGHTISTS (1936)

	Votes	1932	1936	Gains
Paris	92,252	161,142	78,830	
Saint-Denis	69,053	108,691	39,633	
Sceaux	53,539	92,869	39,330	
Seine-et-Oise	51,152	96,657	45,505	

TOTALS (1936)

Held	214	167	130	381
Won				
Lost				
Total				

RIGHTISTS (1936)

Independent	
Radicals	24
Left Republicans	56
Pop. Democrats	18
Rep. Dem. Union	58
Conservatives	4

TOTALS (1936)

Held	228
Won	99
Lost	153
Total	138

RIGHTISTS (1936)

Who's Who Among Those Who Own the Ships?

SHOWING WHAT PARTS OF THE WORLD FLESHACKER, DOLLAR AND ASTOR CALL THEIR OWN

By Nat Davis

It's a good thing to know your enemy, to find out everything you can about him, so that you can fight him all the more effectively. For instance, members of the maritime unions are no doubt very much interested in getting some low-down on the shipowners—their profits, what pines they have their fingers in, and similar dope.

WHO ARE THE BIG SHOTS?

Who are some of the big shots among the shipowners? If you take a peek into the connections of some of these fads, you find that the capitalist forces behind the shipping interests of the West Coast, seeking to smash the militant maritime unions have ties in the highest circles of Wall Street.

They are among the most ruthless exploiters of labor in the country, and they do not confine their exploitation just to the maritime workers, but draw tribute in billions of dollars from the low wages and speedup of workers in countless companies and industries in the East and Middle West as well. So that, when a waterfront worker hears of a strike against some big company in some other industry, and in some distant part of the country, the chances are that he can tell himself that these workers are fighting the same set of bosses who exploit him.

Let's look at some of the members of the pirate crew directing the assault against the West Coast maritime workers. There's Herbert Fleishacker, for one. Fleishacker is one of the big three in the Dollar-Dawson-Fleishacker combination, which owns half interest in the United States Lines Co., formed in 1931 to take over the U. S. Lines, jointly with the Roosevelt-International Mercantile Marine Co. interests.

DOLLAR EXPLOITS ON ALL COASTS

R. Stanley Dollar, who succeeded his revered (but not by the seamen) father, the late Capt. Robert Dollar, is president and director of the Dollar Steamship Co. The son is a no less ruthless exploiter of seamen and longshoremen than the hard-boiled old man was. The Dollar Line operates an intercoastal service in competition with the Panama-Pacific.

William F. Humphrey, once president and now a director of the United States Lines, is counsel for Herbert Fleishacker, and head of the Tidewater Associated Oil Co.

Matthew C. Brush, a director of the American-Hawaiian S.S. Co., impartially exploits alike both seamen and workers employed by over 50 industrial and railroad companies of which he is a director. Among his interests are Texas and Pacific Railroad, Fox Film, Remington Arms, Aviation Corp., U. S. Rubber, U. S. Chemicals, etc.

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Kenneth D. Dawson, another of the big three in the combine mentioned above, is president and director of the Pacific Atlantic Steamship Co., and many other steamship concerns, and of the Pacific Portland Cement Co.

Elisha Walker, director of the International-Mercantile Marine Co., is a recent partner of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Co. He is a director of the Diamond Match Co., against which workers in Ohio have organized, of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. (New York subways), Tidewater-Associated Oil and the Petroleum Corp. of America.

A LUMBER KING AND THE SEAMEN

When Frederick Weyerhaeuser, the lumber king, died in 1914, he left a fortune of \$300,000,000. That fortune was milked not only out of the lumber workers, but also out of seamen and longshoremen, for the Weyerhaeuser syndicate controls large shipping interests.

R. M. Weyerhaeuser is not only at present an officer and director in more lumber companies than you can count on your fingers and toes, and almost equally numerous extensive shipping interests,

We see that most of these ship-

So Busy Owning Things He Can't Work 2 Murderers Freed By Jury at Bartow



JOHN JACOB ASTOR III (no less) and his missus and her new mink coat, off to Europe. Johnny inherited millions in real estate, stocks and bonds, steamship lines and other trinkets, from a father who inherited them from his father who also inherited—right back to the semi-brigand who first robbed the workers, farmers, Indians, etc., to establish this more or less royal house. Johnny the III had a \$25 a week job as shipping clerk, "starting from the ground up"—but he quit because he couldn't get a 30-hour week. Said it, "took up too much of my time."

Palo Alto Editor Wants C. S. Victim To 'Stay in Jail'

FUTURE WAR VETS Build 'Wholesale Butchery' Post

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Caroline Decker can stay in jail, so far as I am concerned."

This was the statement of Dallas Wood, editor and publisher of the Palo Alto Times, when interviewed by a representative of the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Officers of the Butchery Post are Jim McGowan, post commander; Edwin Alexander, honorary commander, and Carl Eardley, honorary commander.

Wood declared that he owns a small fruit ranch on which Caroline Decker once organized the workers to demand better wages.

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Support Anti-Spy Bill in Congress

WASHINGTON—The A. F. of L. is throwing strong support behind the La Follette resolution for a Senate inquiry into anti-labor spying and other violations of the rights of labor. The bill starts this week toward a Senate vote.

The A. F. of L. Executive Council, now in session here, is unanimously in favor of the investigation and will instruct its representatives to push for adoption of the La Follette resolution.

We see the same capitalist interests exploiting both maritime workers and workers in every other big industry, which brings home the necessity of solidarity between the maritime and other workers.

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REVEAL SALARY PAID STARVING BUSINESS MEN

Hearst Tops The List; Draws Only \$500,000; Gifford Skims Along On \$206,000

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—America's underpaid corporation executives have had the shame of their poverty laid bare to the public gaze in the report of the Securities Exchange Commission recently published.

Among those struggling to make ends meet were L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad and chairman of the board of the Kansas City Southern. Loree pulled down \$185,000 last year, although he is among those contending that railroads are too bankrupt to pay workers, threatened with unemployment through merger of terminal facilities, an adequate dismissal wage.

With the prosecution argument closed, Defense Counsel Pat Whitaker, Tampa politician alleged to have close connections with the Ku Klux Klan, will have to build his case only around a charge of kidnapping. The three deleted charges were conspiracy to imprison Pouhot falsely, false imprisonment and conspiracy to kidnap.

An acquittal of the remaining defendants by the Florida 6-man jury, for weeks instilled with anti-radical propaganda by Whitaker, is expected by many observers in the case, despite the array of facts presented by State Attorney J. Rex Farrow to show their participation in the illegal raid on the Modern Democrats' meeting and the kidnapping and flogging of Pouhot, Samuel Rogers and Sheemaker.

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ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

WASHINGTON—Southern landowners' men in the Senate are blocking even consideration of the Costigan-Wagner Anti-Lynching Bill. Senator Joseph T. Robinson (Dem., Ark.), floor leader of the Senate, told the Senators that it is "impracticable" to consider the bill now.

This is taken to mean that the Democratic Party is afraid of losing votes in the South in the Roosevelt campaign if discussion of the anti-lynching bill is permitted on the Senate floor.

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MILITARISM DOSE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—Traffic boys of San Francisco schools were to be given a dose of militarism here today in a visit to the Presidio as guests of the Ninth Corps Area, U. S. Army.

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Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

THE MARTYR
(A Play in 1 Act)

SCENE: The Court House of a town in the month of October, 19—. A man in his shirt sleeves is seated behind a desk. Two men in overalls with rifles and cartridge belts stand on either side of the desk. The man is thumbing over papers.

COMMISSAR: Bring in the next one.

(Two more men in overalls with rifles lead in a man in a business suit and then retire.)

COMMISSAR: Says here your name is Harold Wilson. You're a building contractor.

WILSON: Shoot me and have done with it. I'm not afraid to die.

COMMISSAR: You were arrested last night for shooting at workers in the streets from the upper window of an office building.

WILSON: To hell with this farce of justice. Shoot me and have done with it.

COMMISSAR: Mr. Wilson, you are a damned fool. However, this is a Workers' and Farmers' Government and being a damned fool is not punishable by death. We are not going to shoot you.

WILSON: Then send me to your prison camp—your Siberia, or whatever you call it.

COMMISSAR: I have a report here that should interest you. Your wife and your little girl are safe and sound and are being provided for by the emergency commissary until such a time as you may adjust yourself to employment. As a matter of fact, she is expecting you home for dinner tonight. Your son, who is away at college, has also sent word he is all right.

WILSON: Why don't you shoot me?

COMMISSAR: Under normal circumstances some drastic steps would have to be taken against men taking pot shots from office windows. We understand, however, that in a transition period like this, allowances have to be made. You didn't know what you were doing. Now why don't you go back to your job and not make any more trouble. Nobody's going to hurt you.

WILSON: How could I? Where would I live?

COMMISSAR: You can live in the same house you were living in. If that isn't adequate, you can make arrangements with our housing commission to move somewhere else. One of our first jobs will be to tear down all tenements and construct decent houses.

WILSON: How am I going to live? Can I go on with my contracting business?

COMMISSAR: We aren't building houses for profit. We're building them for people to live in. You can report to the housing commission. I understand you're an expert on fixtures and housing equipment.

WILSON: I can equip houses at a lower figure than—. Say! Where do you expect to get your fixtures?

COMMISSAR: All the factories are operating now under workers' administrations. Your job will be, not to see how cheaply you can build houses, but how well. It may be hard for you to get accustomed to, but you can fit in if you're willing.

WILSON: What are you going to pay me?

COMMISSAR: You'll get a damned sight better salary than you were getting by running that gyp contracting company. Those things have to be worked out by the housing commission itself. The idea of a Workers' government is to improve everybody's life, not squeeze them. We're giving you a chance to live like a human being.

WILSON: I'm afraid it won't work. Human nature, you know. You can't—

COMMISSAR: There is only one human nature you've got to look out for, and that is your own. If you start grafting or swindling, then we will shoot you. Now get along to your wife. She's waiting dinner. There's two or three hundred more waitin' to come in here and say they're ready to be shot. Curtain.

To stop lynching of Negro workers and farmers is less important than to get votes, in the opinion of Franklin D. Roosevelt's Senate floor-leader. Robinson said the other day that it is "impractical" to consider the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill now—meaning just before elections.

You Can't Raise Gasoline

A Short Story By
Russell J. Dyzart

DIARY OF A CLASS CONSCIOUS SEAMAN

By Le Mae
CHAPTER V.

Honolulu in the morning. We held a special meeting of the deck gang tonight. I suggested we hold a joint meeting with the rest of the crew, after we leave Hawaii, and elect a committee to demand immediate improvement in the food.

The reaction was varied.

"What do we need the blackgang in this for?" Red, the husky young ordinary seaman objected. "We can handle it ourselves."

"Yeh, and for — sake, the stewards get first class grub anyhow," my big shadow, King Kong exclaimed in a surprising show of animosity. "They don't give a dam."

"We don't need any help," Bozart added, "The sailors have always done their part in any beefs about conditions."

The Hawaiian boys merely listened carefully.

Fred, a young but well-travelled ordinary seaman, offered a good plan. "We don't have to call in the whole blackgang. Most of them are petty officers and they get good grub. They'd probably be afraid to act with us for fear they'd lose out on their own chow. All we have to do is call upon the firemen and wipers and anyone else that has to eat this bum chow."

I explained that we could elect a committee from the firemen and the sailors to speak to the skipper but it would be best to call a joint meeting so we could explain our position to the rest of the crew.

Heads nodded in approval as I emphasized the need of joint action of all the crew. The meeting adjourned with all hands agreeing to agitate for a joint meeting.

Chung Chin is a wrinkled little old Chinese. His age between 50 and 70. While Morton and I were splicing one of the mooring lines Chung hobbled slowly out of the third class lobby to watch us. Morton said hello to him in Chinese. This is Morton's seventh trip to Japan.

Chung answered in English. "You go back to Hong Kong?" my partner asked.

"Canton."

"Where are you coming from?" A well built Chinese boy answered. "We're from Nevada," and seated himself on a mooring bitt to watch us.

"Your father?" I asked him. "Yeah, we're going back to China." "Then you've been there before?"

"My father wants to die in his own country."

"How about you—you're not ready to die, are you?" Morton asked.

"Now—I'm going back and help make China like America." His sincerity was unmistakable.

"Change it, yes," I told him. "But try Soviet Russia as a pattern. The Red Army will help you."

"Gee! My father says that Red Army can fight." A light flashing off to port attracted the youth's attention and he left abruptly.

for China. I stuck a copy of the Western Worker under his steamer robe. Tomorrow, if opportunity offers itself, I'm going to talk to him.

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We have about a hundred Chinese cooks and stewards in our crew. To four of them I spoke about the Chinese Red Army. "Bye and Bye Red Army come chop-chop to Hong Kong," one of them stated with supreme confidence. The others displayed typical "no savvy" attitude to my question.

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Forerunner of what to expect in Japan: this morning's ship news bulletin carried a warning to all passengers to have a Japanese visaed passport, even if they were only expecting to go ashore for a few hours. Otherwise they will not be allowed to land. Sounds pretty panicky on somebody's part.

In the same bulletin is a three-paragraph news report on the advance of the Chinese Red Army. Several missionaries are reported to be in "danger"—of what?

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The People's Health

BY FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M.D.

Alameda, Calif.

A GOOD IDEA

Dear Sir:

I enjoy reading your column in the Western Worker very much, especially in regard to common ailments and simple remedies.

Couldn't you put out a small pamphlet on this subject which could be sold through the book shop?

In Alameda there are several people who are anxious to see just such a useful book.

Very truly yours,

O. H.

ANSWER: This is a good idea. If there is enough demand for such a pamphlet, and the right publisher can be found, it will be carried out.

HOSPITAL WORKERS' X-RAY

This is an interesting mimeograph bulletin issued by a rank and file group within the Hospital and Institutional Workers' Union in San Francisco.

The latest issue that has come to my attention contains a leading article demanding an investigation of the bad conditions prevailing for workers in county institutions, rather than the threatened "investigation" for radicals in the hospitals.

The rest of the bulletin is devoted largely to numerous small news items covering struggles of hospital workers throughout the country. There are a number of clever cartoons.

The only criticism that may be offered to the staff of the "X-Ray" is that too few of the articles deal with specific conditions of the hospital workers.

Los Angeles.

Dear Dr. Bissell:

Sometimes I wonder if doctors do not make the same mistake reformists in trying to "patch up" the body with palliatives instead of going at the root cause and making (just try) the patient change his mode of living; diet, habits, etc., insofar as possible under this damnable system that keeps people sick and ignorant.

Isn't it true, for example, that given normal prenatal nutrition to start with a person can keep his teeth from decay by (1) ridding himself of constipation, as outlined by you in a previous article, (2) eating enough coarse foods that require chewing, (3) and most important, by seeing religiously that the diet contains enough lime, calcium and especially vitamin C foods.

I once had an honest dentist. How many would kill possible future tooth repair jobs by advising a patient not just how to brush his teeth correctly but to drink at least a pint to a quart of orange juice daily (not with meals) plus juice of two lemons, etc.? For seven years since he gave the advice (not as commonly known then as now), I have had only one cavity; and that because I was three months on the unspeakable "G3" diet the L. A. County puts out to its "Indigents." It allows about one orange per person per week.

Leo Gallagher's advice to the legal profession could be applied as well to every other profession.

M.K.,

ANSWER: A pregnant woman who does not care for large quantities of food containing lime is more likely to get decayed teeth than one who does. Even under the present system, few dentists would hesitate to advise their patients properly on this.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

YOUTH

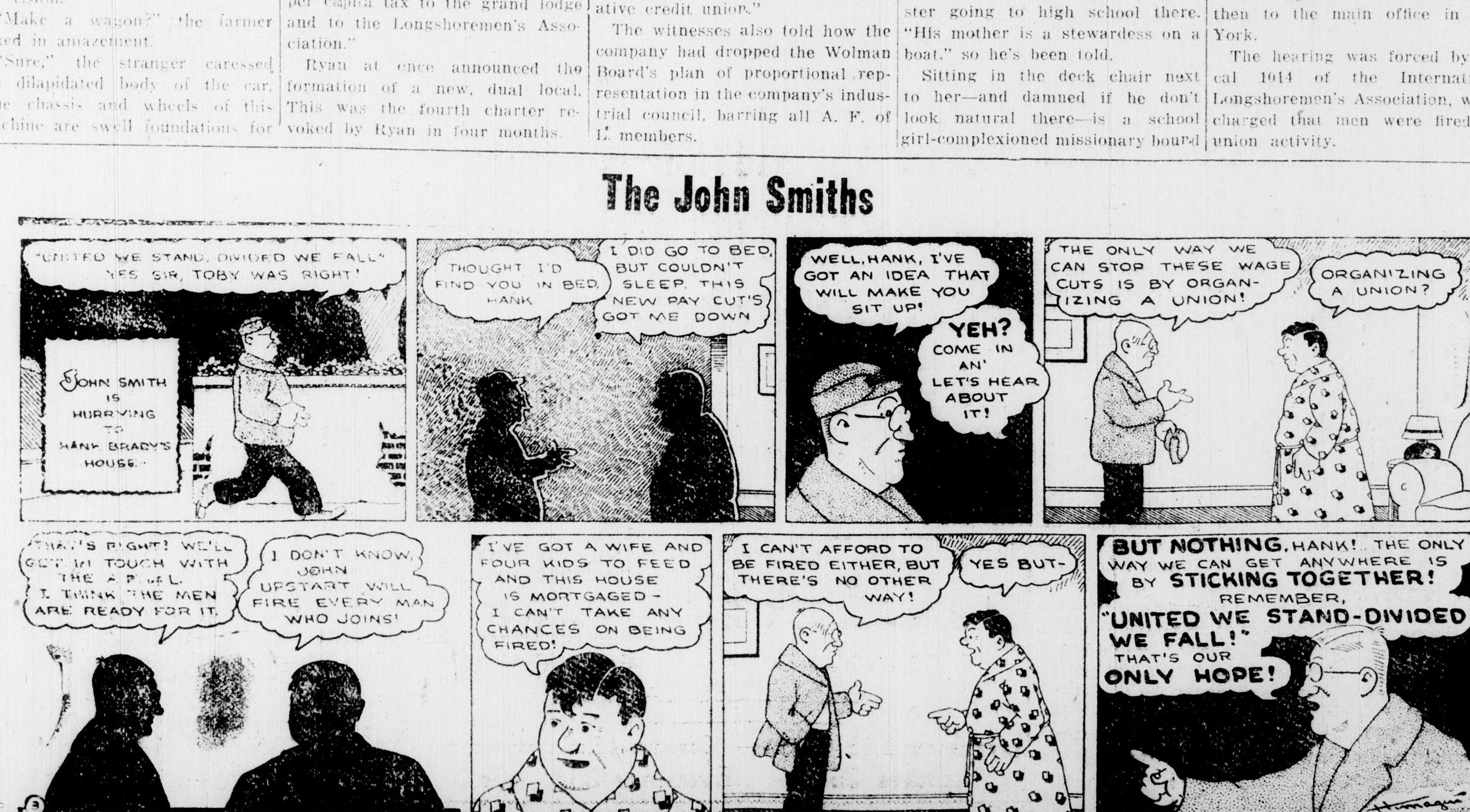
The Young Communist League, in line with the decisions of the Sixth World Congress of the YCL International, has discontinued publication of the *Young Worker*. In its place the League will publish *The Champion*. The Champion, first issue, will be off the press and ready for distribution—300,000 copies strong—on May 20.

Lenin constantly stressed the key position occupied by the youth in the present and future struggles for bread and freedom. American youth is moving, stirring, rebelling and learning. The Champion will be published monthly during the summer but will become a weekly after September.

There will be stories by Jack Conroy and Grace Lumpkin; an article on the youth and the Farmer-Labor Party by Governor Olsen of Minnesota; movie sidelights and interviews on the Louis-Schelling fracas; a series on the Robber Barons and how they got that way—and Redfield cartoons will be a regular feature.

Subscription rates are 26 issues for 25 cents; 52 issues for \$1.25; 5 cents per copy. Subscriptions may be turned in at the YCL office, 121 Haight street, San Francisco, or direct to The Champion, 2 East Twenty-third street, New York City.

The organized workers in the automobile industry have shown the way to the A. F. of L. agricultural workers' unions in California. As part of the determined campaign to organize the auto industry, the A. F. of L. United Automobile Workers of America have begun negotiations with the three independent unions in the industry for merging into one organization. Closest cooperation between the A. F. of L. agricultural unions in California and the independent Mexican and Philippine Workers' unions, with an eye to bringing the latter into the A. F. of L., is essential if the industry is to be organized.



HOLLYWOOD NOTES

When Hollywood producers refused to make the Pabst-Liam O'Flaherty film, "War is Declared," and the Sinclair-Lewis-Sidney Howard picture, "It Can't Happen Here," they claimed it was because they didn't want to offend their German market. The insincerity of this excuse is clear in view of the fact that no Hollywood producer is getting any more money from Germany today, hardly any from the whole of Europe, due largely to the fact that these nations are refusing to allow money to be sent out of the country. As a matter of fact, RKO-Radio has been out of the German market entirely since 1934.

"There would be very little real life in the movies if the censors had their way." —Bette Davis.

Hearst has warned all his papers to run no stories on David Lamson and the film he is now writing for RKO. Also never to mention Lamson in their columns.

Nazi Germany agreed to permit Austria to export 14 to 18 films yearly into Germany without tariff payment. The only restriction put upon the Austrian Film Conference was Germany's demand that all actors, from stars to extras, be able to furnish proof of full-blooded Aryan ancestry.

Sergei Eisenstein, who made "Potemkin," has started work on another film, "Bedlam Meadow." It is his first in four years.

General Fang-Chen Wu, heroic Chinese military leader who opposed the Japanese at Harrar and Shanghai, has been employed as technical advisor for the film "The Good Earth," now being made at MGM.

L. A. Performance Bury the Dead

JOHN CROMWELL TO ASSIST

LOS ANGELES.—"Bury the Dead," Irwin Shaw's dramatic anti-war play, will open at the Belasco Theater on Tuesday evening, June 2, it was announced by the Contemporary Theater, local producers of the play.

John Cromwell, prominent Hollywood director, will be consulting director, and Egon Brecher, for many years co-star and co-director with Eva Le Gallienne in her Repertory Theater, is active director; Shaw, who is now writing for RKO Radio, is working in cooperation with them in the final casting of the play, it was announced.

Several outstanding names in the motion picture industry are expected to be seen in the cast when the play opens.

"Bury the Dead," now entering its second month at the Ethel Barrymore Theater in New York, received its first public notice here when Fredric March, his wife, Florence Eldridge, and John Cromwell read all the parts several weeks ago at the Hollywood Women's Club.

The anti-war drama, the plot of which centers about six privates in the war who refuse to allow themselves to be buried although pronounced dead by physicians, will follow by one week the current attraction at the Belasco Theater, "Personal Appearance," starring Gladys George.

SOVIET SECURITY

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—"Social Security, Soviet Style" will be outlined in a film strip, accompanied by a lecture by Dave Adams, 44 68 Haight street on Sunday, May 24th, at 8 p.m. The regular open forum is being postponed for this affair, which is being held under the auspices of the American Friends of the Soviet Union. Admission is 10 cents.

Film to Show May Day Parade in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—Movies of the San Francisco May Day March will be shown at 121 Haight street, Saturday night, May 23. It will be the first showing of the film.

The show will open at 8 o'clock in the evening. Film showing will last about 15 minutes and will picture the entire line of march from the Embarcadero to the Civic Center. It will be followed by dancing and food will be served.

Admission will be 25 cents.



A Fatigued Millionaire



Los Angeles Sees Soviet Navy Film

EPIC OF SOVIET RED MARINES

LOS ANGELES, May 22.—Film critics who have seen the new Soviet film triumph "We Are From Kronstadt," which opens its Western premiere engagement today at the Grand International Theatre, 730 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, have declared that E. Dzigan, who directed this new production, must be ranked with Eisenstein and Pudovkin for his imaginative and masterly direction.

Pledged to surpass any film yet produced in the magnitude of its production and in the dramatic interest of its story, "We Are From Kronstadt," was three years in the making with the cooperation of the Black Sea and Baltic fleets of the Soviet navy. The result, according to critics, is a masterly production which surpasses even "Chapayev," and "Three Women."

Its story tells in a most dramatic manner the events that occurred during the siege of Petrograd by the White General Yudenitch in the civil war that followed the revolution. In breathless scenes there is depicted the beleaguered Red Guards waging a losing fight against Yudenitch's larger forces and the ultimate rescue of the Red Guards by the heroic Red Marines from the naval base at Kronstadt, resulting in the defeat of Yudenitch.

G. Bustiney plays the starring roles of the Red sailor who rises to the occasion when his country needs him. V. Zaitchikov is also cast in an important role. E. Dzigan directed the production for Mosfilm. The Russian dialogue is fully translated by English subtitles.

New Music Society Of Los Angeles In Hungarian Concert

LOS ANGELES, May 20.—New music of modern Hungary, including the works of Bela Bartok, Soltan Kodaly, Istvan Szekely, Endre Kodosa, Imre Weissberg, Ferenc Szabo and Ernst Von Donnayi, will be heard at a concert to be presented on Sunday evening, June 7, at 2325 Miramar Avenue, the New Music Society of Los Angeles announced today.

The concert will be an all-piano music recital, with Douglas Thompson, renowned pianist and student of the works of Bela Bartok, as performing artist. Thompson recently gave Schoenberg's "Pierrot Lunaire" in San Francisco, and has played for many worker groups.

Boris Babochkin, Miss Lejino, B. Postavsky, Miss Zarubina, Boris Chirkov, Vera Popova and M. Blumenthal-Tamara will also be seen in important roles. L. Arnshtam directed the production which has a musical score by Dmitri Shostakovich whose orchestral compositions and modern operas are performed in musical centers all over the world. English titles translate the Russian dialogue.

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F-MAN

With the G-man cycle beautifully timed as a build up for anti-abor crusades beginning to pall, Hollywood row kids the act in a hash of left over comedy situations peppered with a few good gags.

ROBIN HOOD OF EL DORADO

Warner Baxter in a hard riding Western. Fact and fiction on the side of the early California character Joaquin Murietta. Jumps from Shirley Temple is given every opportunity to show how cute she can be. Depends whether you like this sort of thing.

UNDER TWO FLAGS

Has a good cast, but is nothing to rave over. If you miss it, you miss nothing.

THE WITNESS STAND

An Harding as the heroic stenographer who murdered one of her bosses to keep him from framing her other boss. A series of court room tricks to keep you guessing. Not worth bothering about.

RECOMMENDED

THE GHOST GOES WEST

Satire on American millionaires' hobbies.

"THREE WOMEN"

Soviet film.

"WE ARE FROM KRONSTADT"

Soviet film.

MODERN TIMES

Charlie Chaplin's latest.

THE STORY OF LOUIS PASTEUR

Starring Paul Muni.

THESE THREE

With Miriam Hopkins, Merle Oberon and Bonita Granville.

THE MILKY WAY

With Harold Lloyd.

MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN

Exceptionally good. Don't miss it.

THE COUNTRY DOCTOR

Fine performance by Jean Harlow.

THE BOHEMIAN GIRL

With Laurel and Hardy. Good comedy.

MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY

Good sea picture.

SKIP IT LIST

(Not worth seeing)

GIVE US THIS NIGHT

Jan Kiepura in a sickly musical.

Ariz. Vegetable Workers Win Out

CHANDLER, Ariz.—After a "sit-down" strike at the Hawes shed, which lasted one entire afternoon and an hour the following morning, union vegetable packers forced the company to rehire a worker who had walked out because he was paid less than union wages.

This is the first strike reported by the agricultural workers' union this season. All growers in the Yuma district except one have agreements with the union, which represents 3,000 workers.

ANTIOCH Walk-Out Ended By Boss Trick

ANTIOCH, Calif.—By fooling the workers into believing that the plant would close if wage raises were granted, Vincent Davi, manager of the Western California Cannery here, succeeded in getting 200 striking employees back to work.

The strike lasted two days. The workers demanded a 5 cent an hour increase in wages.

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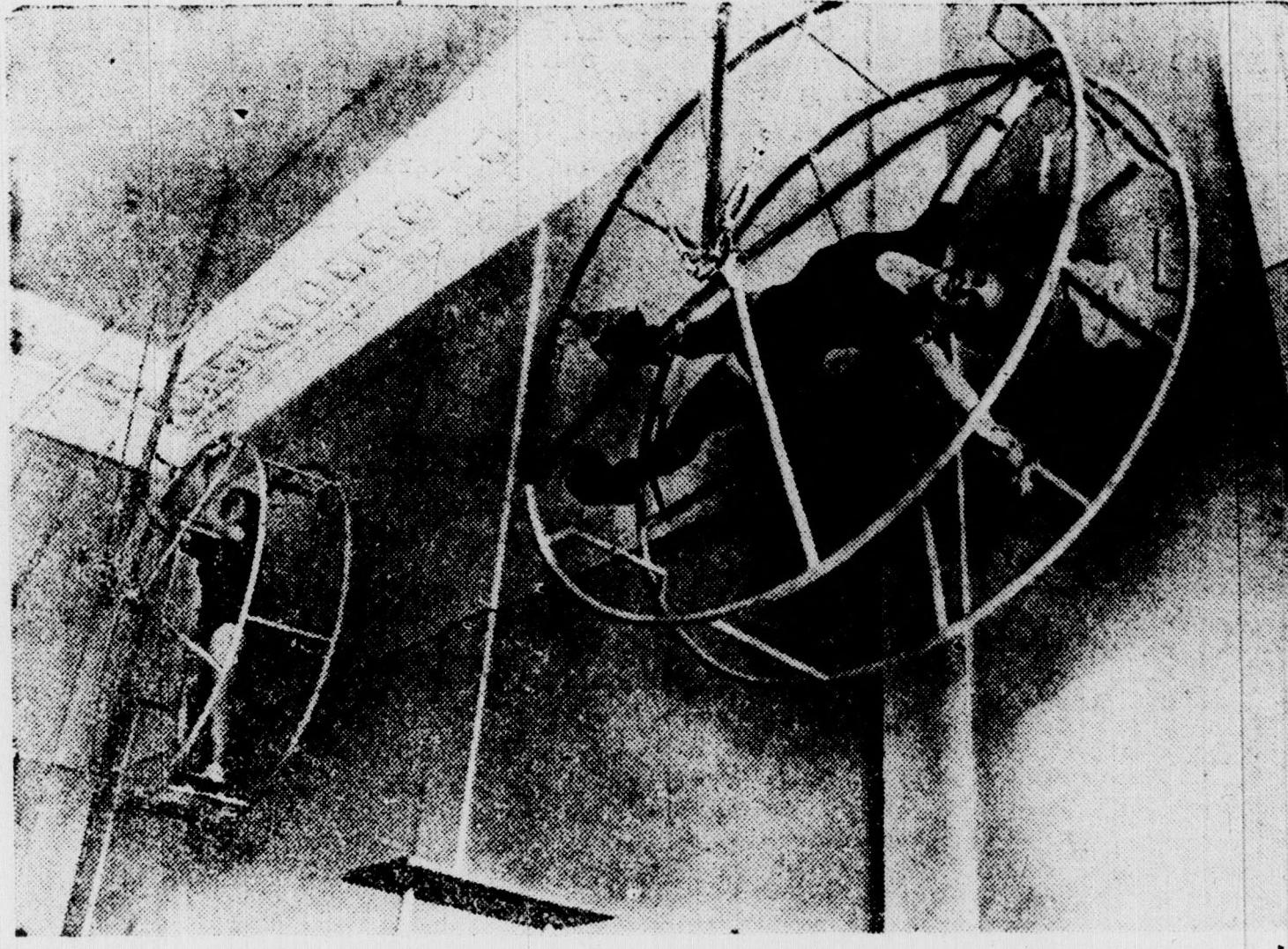
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REGISTER COMMUNIST TO BUILD UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS!

Because of the serious lag in

Soviet Students Go Round and Round



Healthy minds need healthy bodies, Soviet Union educational authorities say. So they equipped the Central Institute of Education in Moscow with elaborate gymnasium de-

vices. Here are two girl students seeing how proficient they are at making revolutions—on the hoops.

The Honore' Daumier Art Exhibit

By BEAU VINCENT

They asked me to go down and review the Honore' Daumier show at the Civic Center.

I said I'd have a crack at it, so here it is.

The exhibit is fine from the point of good caricature, covering a wide range of subjects. But from a political standpoint it is disappointing. The drawings are all right, if you could understand them. The titles are translated, but there is no explanation. As these drawings are from the French revolutionary period, the satire of most is lost through lack of knowledge of the period.

Now for the artist, Honore' Daumier; he was a revolutionist, of a sort. You might say that he was not so much for the workers as against the bourgeoisie. He was born in Marseilles in 1808 in the reign of Louis Philippe; he joined the staff of the revolutionary paper, "La Caretage."

Philippon, however, started another paper, "Charivari," which Daumier joined when he was released. He continued his satire with cracks at the courts. He then turned on the pseudo-classical school of art. (That is, pure art, having nothing to do with anything so vulgar as real life.) In this way he was one of the first to bring the art of that period down to earth.

He also managed to do many paintings, which, strangely enough are not in the least revolutionary. He died in 1879, after having done the prodigious number of 3,958 political cartoons.

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DUBINSKY TO SPEAK AT ANTI-NAZI MEET

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—National and local labor leaders will speak at an anti-Nazi, anti-fascist protest meeting here on Tuesday, May 26th, at 8 p.m. at Trinity Auditorium, Ninth street and Grand avenue.

David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union and vice president of the A. F. of L.; J. W. Buzzell, Central Labor Council secretary; Bill Busiek, local I. L. G. W. U. educational director; and I. Feinberg, local international vice-president of the I. L. G. W. U. will be the chief speakers.

Sacramento's quota was merely to pay its Western Worker bill—and this has not yet been done.

SOME PROGRESS

As in the financial drive, the smaller sections are coming through best. Subscription quotas have been achieved by San Bernardino, Tulara, Fort Bragg, Bakersfield and Los Angeles. San Francisco has more than 70 subs yet to go and East Bay more than 30 before their quotas are reached.

Admission will be 10 cents

HOPKINS ASKS WPA CLEAN-UP

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Elimination of armed guards, blacklisting and stool pigeons from the WPA was ordered by Harry L. Hopkins, national administrator, in a directive to all state WPA directors.

The order read:

"1. Maintenance of order is the function of local and state government. WPA funds shall not be used for the employment of armed guards.

"2. The WPA investigation service will not be used to spy upon workers nor concern itself with legal matters, including strikes, lockouts, or other labor disputes.

"3. The use of the 'blacklist' or any other list that may serve to discriminate against individual workers or groups is prohibited. The administration will not permit any discriminatory practices that may operate to work hardships on unemployed persons because of their beliefs, organizational activities or affiliations."

BIGGER APPEAL

The Western Worker now is an eight-page paper. Two more pages, twice a week means that many more news items, features and other types of articles can be included. This in turn is bound to increase the already large class of people for whom the Western Worker is published.

But these people must be won over. We must go on the assumption that all of them are "from Missouri." They will not buy a pig in a spoke. And it's up to the party members and readers throughout the district to see that the paper is advertised and spread.

BUREO DECISIONS

Because of the serious lag in

Two automobiles are wanted for use in the Western Worker circulation drive, and in securing better coverage of news.